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SUBJ: CHILEAN DEMARCHE RE CONSIDERATION OF ILO INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE REPORT IN UPCOMING ILO MEETINGS

1. SUMMARY: GOC FONOFF SUMMONED LOCAL AMBASSADORS IN THREE
SHIFTS MAY 20 TO INFORM THEM OF CHILEAN POSITION RE CONSIDERA-
TION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO) INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE REPORT AT ILO GOVERNING BODY MEETING OPENING MAY 26
AND ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE OPENING JUNE 4. IN ORAL REMARKS
UNDER ACTING SECRETARY, COL. VALDES, REQUESTED ALL FRIENDLY
GOVERNMENTS TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING TO APPROVE ANY RESOLUTIONS OF
CENSURE AGAINST CHILE AT THESE MEETINGS. STATED THAT AT ANDEAN
PACT LABOR MINISTERS' MEETING AT LIMA IN APRIL IT HAD BEEN
AGREED MEMBERS WOULD SEEK COLLABORATION OF ALL GOVERNMENTS
TO ENSURE THAT ILO DEBATES ARE NOT POLITICIZED BUT RATHER
LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MEETING ATTENDED BY WEO AMBASSADORS, UNDER SECRETARY
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VALDES SKETCHED OUT ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF

ILO FACT-FINDING AND CONCILIATION COMMISSION FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, WHICH ALSO SERVED AS COMMISSION EXAMINING CHILE'S OBSERVANCE OF HOURS OF WORK CONVENTION AND DISCRIMINATION CONVENTION. HE RECALLED THAT DURING THE 1974 GENERAL CONFERENCE THE ILO HAD APPROVED A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHILE EVEN BEFORE THE WORK OF ITS COMMISSION HAD BEGUN. HE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION'S PRELIMINARY REPORT, ISSUED IN MARCH, HAD BEEN CRITICIZED AS UNREALISTIC AND IRRESPONSIBLE IN ITS CONCLUSIONS.

3. UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT IN UPCOMING ILO MEETINGS CHILE WOULD AGAIN BE ATTACKED AS PART OF A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST IT; THINGS COULD GO SO FAR AS TO PROVOKE THE DEPARTURE OF CHILE FROM THE ORGANIZATION. GOC WISHED TO AVOID SUCH A DEVELOPMENT. POLITICIZATION OF THE ILO COULD AFFECT ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND EVEN THE LIFE OF THE ORGANIZATION. ACCORDINGLY, GOC WAS REQUESTING COOPERATION OF ALL FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS IN ABSTAINING FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY VOTES OF CENSURE AGAINST CHILE.

4. VALDES THEN RECALLED ACTION OF ANDEAN PACT LABOR MINISTERS IN LIMA MEETING IN APRIL, OPPOSING THE USE OF THE ILO FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND URGING DECENTRALIZATION OF THE ORGANIZATION.

5. TEXT OF MEMORANDUM DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING BY SEPTTEL (NOTAL).
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